

supported by original claim 1. Claim 24 is supported by original claim 10 and 17. Claim 25 is supported by original claim 11. Claim 26 is supported by original claim 12. Claim 27 is supported by original claim 13. Claim 28 is supported by original claim 1. Claim 29 is supported by original claim 1.

New dependent method claims 30-34 depend on claim 10. Claim 30 is supported by original claim 1. Claim 31 is supported by original claim 1. Claim 32 is supported by original claim 12. Claim 33 is supported by original claim 13. No new matter is added.

15. [Amended Once] The computer-readable media of claim 14, wherein [receiving] receiving transactions further comprises: receiving the transactions at a docketing provider system.

18. [New] A computer system, comprising:

 a receiver coupled to receive database transactions, the transactions being from a first service provider and from a first service consumer, wherein each of these transactions is associated with the first service consumer;

 storage operatively coupled to store information of the plurality of database transactions;
 means for enabling access by the service consumer to stored transactions associated with the service consumer to whom access is enabled; and

 means for accessing the stored transactions associated with the service consumer to whom access is enabled, the accessing being performed by the service consumer to whom access is enabled.

19. [New] The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver is also coupled to receive transactions from a docketing provider, and wherein the storage also stores docketing information, the system further comprising means for enabling access by the first service provider to the docketing information.

20. [New] The system of claim 18, wherein the means for accessing the stored transactions

further comprises means for viewing a log of pending action items.

21. [New] The system of claim 18, wherein the service consumer uses a browser to access the stored transactions.

22. [New] The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver receives an electronic message, the system further comprising:

a decoder that extracts the transaction from the electronic message.

23. [New] The system of claim 22, further comprising at the service provider:

an input device that obtains a database transaction;

an encoder that inserts the transaction into an electronic message; and

a transmitter that sends the electronic message to the receiver.

24. [New] The system of claim 18, further comprising:

a database stored in the storage, the database holding data for a plurality of service consumers including the first service consumer and for the first service provider; and

a database transaction processor operatively coupled to the receiver of database transaction information and to the storage.

25. [New] The system of claim 24, wherein the receiver is also coupled to receive transactions from a docketing provider, and wherein the storage also stores docketing information, the system further comprising means for enabling access by the first service provider to the docketing information.

26. [New] The system of claim 24, wherein the means for accessing the stored transactions further comprises means for viewing a log of pending action items.

27. [New] The system of claim 24, wherein the service consumer uses a browser to access

the stored transactions.

28. [New] The system of claim 24, wherein the receiver receives an electronic message, the system further comprising:

a decoder that extracts the transaction from the electronic message.

29. [New] The system of claim 28, further comprising at the service provider:

an input device that obtains a database transaction;

an encoder that inserts the transaction into an electronic message; and

a transmitter that sends the electronic message to the receiver.

30. [New] The method of claim 10, wherein each of the receiving transactions further comprises:

receiving an electronic message; and

decoding the transaction from the electronic message.

31. [New] The method of claim 24, further comprising at the service provider:

receiving a database transaction;

encoding the transaction into an electronic message; and

transmitting the electronic message.

32. [New] The method of claim 31, wherein the receiving of transactions further comprises receiving transactions by a docketing provider.

33. [New] The method of claim 31, wherein the accessing of the stored transactions further comprises viewing a log of pending action items.

34. [New] The method of claim 31, wherein the service consumer uses a browser to access the stored transactions.

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Claims 10-16 and 18-34 are pending. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney (612-373-6949) if there are any questions concerning this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. **Please charge any required fee including the fee for additional claims to deposit account 19-0743.**

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10. A computerized method for a transaction-based object-oriented multipart database system, comprising:
- receiving transactions from at least one service provider and at least one service consumer, wherein each transaction is associated with the service consumer;
 - storing the transactions;
 - enabling access by the service consumer to stored transactions associated with the service consumer to whom access is enabled; and
 - accessing the stored transactions associated with the service consumer to whom access is enabled, the accessing being performed by the service consumer to whom access is enabled.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein receiving transactions further comprises receiving transactions by a docketing provider.
12. The method of claim 10, wherein accessing the stored transactions further comprises viewing a log of pending action items.
13. The method of claim 10, wherein the service consumer uses a browser to access the stored transactions.
14. A computer-readable media comprising computer-executable instructions, wherein the instructions when read and executed by a computer comprise:
- receiving transactions from at least one service provider and at least one service consumer, wherein each transaction is associated with the service consumer;
 - storing the transactions; and
 - enabling access by the service consumer to stored transactions associated with the service consumer to whom access is enabled.
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15. [Amended Once] The computer-readable media of claim 14, wherein receiving transactions further comprises: receiving the transactions at a docketing provider system.

16. The computer-readable media of claim 14, wherein the transaction is associated with a service matter.

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18. [New] A computer system, comprising:

a receiver coupled to receive database transactions, the transactions being from a first service provider and from a first service consumer, wherein each of these transactions is associated with the first service consumer;

storage operatively coupled to store information of the plurality of database transactions; means for enabling access by the service consumer to stored transactions associated with the service consumer to whom access is enabled; and

means for accessing the stored transactions associated with the service consumer to whom access is enabled, the accessing being performed by the service consumer to whom access is enabled.

19. [New] The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver is also coupled to receive transactions from a docketing provider, and wherein the storage also stores docketing information, the system further comprising means for enabling access by the first service provider to the docketing information.

20. [New] The system of claim 18, wherein the means for accessing the stored transactions further comprises means for viewing a log of pending action items.

21. [New] The system of claim 18, wherein the service consumer uses a browser to access the stored transactions.

22. [New] The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver receives an electronic message, the

system further comprising:

a decoder that extracts the transaction from the electronic message.

23. [New] The system of claim 22, further comprising at the service provider:

an input device that obtains a database transaction;

an encoder that inserts the transaction into an electronic message; and

a transmitter that sends the electronic message to the receiver.

24. [New] The system of claim 18, further comprising:

a database stored in the storage, the database holding data for a plurality of service consumers including the first service consumer and for the first service provider; and

A2 a database transaction processor operatively coupled to the receiver of database transaction information and to the storage.

25. [New] The system of claim 24, wherein the receiver is also coupled to receive transactions from a docketing provider, and wherein the storage also stores docketing information, the system further comprising means for enabling access by the first service provider to the docketing information.

26. [New] The system of claim 24, wherein the means for accessing the stored transactions further comprises means for viewing a log of pending action items.

27. [New] The system of claim 24, wherein the service consumer uses a browser to access the stored transactions.

28. [New] The system of claim 24, wherein the receiver receives an electronic message, the system further comprising:

a decoder that extracts the transaction from the electronic message.

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29. [New] The system of claim 28, further comprising at the service provider:

an input device that obtains a database transaction;

an encoder that inserts the transaction into an electronic message; and

a transmitter that sends the electronic message to the receiver.

30. [New] The method of claim 10, wherein each of the receiving transactions further comprises:

receiving an electronic message; and

decoding the transaction from the electronic message.

31. [New] The method of claim 24, further comprising at the service provider:

receiving a database transaction;

encoding the transaction into an electronic message; and

transmitting the electronic message.

32. [New] The method of claim 31, wherein the receiving of transactions further comprises receiving transactions by a docketing provider.

33. [New] The method of claim 31, wherein the accessing of the stored transactions further comprises viewing a log of pending action items.

34. [New] The method of claim 31, wherein the service consumer uses a browser to access the stored transactions.